

LOUISIANA RECOVERY AUTHORITY

Planning Activities Resolution

August 10, 2006

Summary: To provide guidance to the LRA staff and Long Term Community Planning Task Force on the goals for the use of planning funds provided through the CDBG funds.

Whereas, the first Action Plan approved by the LRA, Governor, Legislature, and HUD included \$9 million for planning activities at the direction of the LRA;

Whereas, the parishes that were most severely affected by the damages of the storms have tremendous need for planning staff to guide their recovery activities and limited funding to hire the necessary staff;

Whereas, parish and municipal officials have frequently cited the need for grant writers to assist their fundraising to finance their identified recovery planning projects;

Whereas, there have been many planning efforts undertaken by the parishes, by the state, and by private foundations for activities that require greater community engagement and involvement,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the LRA hereby directs the Executive Director and the Long Term Planning Task Force Chair to work with the Office of Community Development on a process for implementing programming to assist parishes and municipal governments with staffing, outreach, and other planning activities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the LRA hereby directs that the criteria for planning funding shall be allocated according to the following priorities:

- 1. To increase the recovery planning staffing capacity in the severely impacted parishes (targeted to those parishes most affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita) according to a formula based on population and the levels of damage related to the storms;*
- 2. To fund grant-writers to support parishes who are seeking grant funds for recovery planning projects;*
- 3. To fund the needs of communities to provide outreach in conjunction with their planning activities; and*
- 4. To fund LRA staffing and operating needs for LRA related planning activities.*